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1. About 600 people in Tientsin are registered for the second repatriation of Soviet citizens. Unlike the first group, which consisted almost entirely of indigent individuals, this group is composed mainly of those who own small shops, work for established foreign concerns, or are otherwise gainfully and legally employed.
2. The attitude of these people is that, while in Russia the future is questionable, in China it is utterly hopeless. The jobs which many of them hold today in foreign concerns are insecure. One woman who cleans houses by day said, typically, "My son is nineteen. Here he will become a drunkard — or worse. In Russia he will be sent to school and will learn some trade such as shoemaking or mechanics. Here I clean private homes; there I will clean government offices."
3. Despite forebodings over their treatment in the USSR at the hands of the Soviet government, even former White Russians who worked against the Soviets during the war are voluntarily accepting repatriation. They feel that the future is less black in Russia than in China, for them.
4. In addition, these people fear that after a certain number of repatriations the gate may be suddenly closed, leaving them stranded permanently in China, with no chance to return to Russia.

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